



ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 6:30 PM
City Administration Building
701 Laurel Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Marshall at 6:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Allan Bedwell (Vice Chair), Chris DeCardy, Kristin Kuntz-Duriseti, Scott Marshall (Chair), Deborah Martin (arrived at 7:24pm), Mitchel Slomiak, Christina Smolke

Absent: None

A. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

B. REGULAR BUSINESS

B1. Approve August 27, 2014 Minutes

ACTION: Motion and Second (Bedwell/Kuntz-Duriseti) to approve the August 17, 2014 minutes as presented, passes (5-0-2), (Absent: Martin, Abstain: Smolke)

B2. Discuss and Review Previous EQC Recommendation to City Council on the City's Heritage Tree Ordinance

Commissioner Martin arrives during Item B2 discussion.

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. The Heritage Tree Subcommittee presented potential improvements to the recommendations to City Council on changes to the Heritage Tree Ordinance and replacement policy that was originally approved by the EQC in September 2012. A number of suggestions were provided by the commission to the Heritage Tree Subcommittee to consider as updates to the recommendations for consideration at a future EQC meeting.

Commissioner Kuntz-Duriseti leaves meeting after Item B2 discussion in order to participate as EQC representative at the Menlo Park General Plan Advisor Committee.

B3. Informational Staff Update on City Recycling Rates

ACTION: No formal action was taken on this item. Staff shared a presentation on the City recycling rates for the June to August 2014 period. The trend is for slightly lower recycling than the prior quarter, though well above state mandated requirements of 50%.

Commissioner Smolke leaves the meeting after Item B3 discussion.

C. COMMISSION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following updates were received by the Commission:

C1. Staff Update on Environmental Policies to be Considered by City Council

C2. Commission Subcommittee Reports and Announcements

C3. Discuss Future Agenda Items

D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Meeting minutes taken by Mitchel Slomiak, Environmental Quality Commissioner

Meeting minutes prepared by Vanessa Marcadejas, Environmental Programs Specialist

Minutes accepted at the meeting of October 22, 2014.